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SUBJECT : DEPUSCINCEUR VISIT; CALL ON AMIR

1. GENERAL EADE HAD CORDIAL HALF HOUR EXCHANGE JANUARY 14 WITH AMIR, WITH CROWN PRINCE/DEFENSE MINISTER PRESENT. AFTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION GOB HOSPITALITY TO U.S. NAVY, GENERAL EADE IN COURSE MEETING MADE USEFUL OBSERVATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL/MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SITUATIONS AS SEEN FROM NATO PERSPECTIVE.

2. AMIR TALKED ALONG FAMILIAR LINES, STRESSING GOB DESIRE FOR CLOSE RELATIONS WITH US, IMPORTANCE CLOSE US-SAUDI RELATIONS, AND NEED FOR EFFECTIVE US ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST IN SEARCH FOR PEACE AND IN SUPPORT SADAT/FAISAL -- AND BAHRAIN. HE HIT HARD ON GOB'S DEEP CONCERN AT LACK OF SUFFICIENT AND TIMELY
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PROGRESS IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORT. AMIR REPEATEDLY

EXPRESSED CONCERN RE SOVIET INTENTIONS IN MIDDLE EAST AND GULF, INCLUDING SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN, BOTH AMIR AND CROWN PRINCE NOTED DIFFICULTIES THAT CONTINUING WORLD PRESS EMPHASIS ON POSSIBILITY US MILITARY "INTERVENTION" IN EVENT OIL CONFRONTATION IS POSING FOR AMERICAN FRIENDS IN MIDDLE EAST.

3. POSSIBLY IN PART FOR CROWN PRINCE'S BENEFIT, AMIR TWICE MENTIONED HIS DISTASTE FOR LARGE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS, GENERALLY DEPLORING TENDENCY AREA STATES (INCLUDING IRAN AND GULF ARABS) TO SPEND MONEY NEEDED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON ARMS AND HENCE INCREASING RISK OF TENSIONS.

4. AMIR APPEARED TO APPRECIATE VISIT AND TO WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH DEPU SCINCEUR.
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